



2014 City of San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration and Official Events

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The 2014 City of San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration marks the 27th anniversary of the City's celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. King. Join one of the largest marches and commemorations in the U.S. aimed at honoring and continuing Dr. King's legacy.

All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

\$\$ = There is a cost to attend the event.

Friday, Jan. 10, 2014

The San Antonio Ivy Educational Fund – Educational Enrichment Dinner (\$\$)

Dinner at 7 p.m.

University of the Incarnate Word (Sky Room), 847 E. Hildebrand

Guest speaker Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, author of "April 4, 1968: Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Death and How it Changed America." Dyson, named by *Ebony* as one of the hundred most influential Black Americans, is also a radio host and professor of sociology at Georgetown University. Tickets are \$85 each and corporate tables are available. For more information, please visit saief.org, email office@saief.org, or call (210) 718-4955.

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2014

Oratorical Contest

10 a.m.

Second Baptist Church, 3310 E. Commerce Street

Sponsored by the San Antonio National Pan Hellenic Council, this oratorical contest features junior high and high school students presenting speeches on "Why Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Believed Education Excellence Affects One's Future Freedoms." They will be competing for awards and prizes. For more information, contact Karl Nicholas at (210) 643-6177.

Sunday, Jan. 12, 2014

Baptist Ministers Union Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service

5 p.m.

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, 2157 Burnet Street

Hosted by Rev. Garry Roberts, pastor of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Worship Service will feature guest speaker Rev. Isadore Edwards Jr. of New Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas. The event promises to be an exciting evening filled with praise, worship and words of inspiration in celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. For more information, call (210) 223-2819.

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2014

Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission Recognition – City Council Ceremonials

5 p.m.

City Council Chambers (Municipal Plaza Building), 114 W. Commerce Street

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission will receive a proclamation in honor of its service and continued dedication to putting on the most successful MLK March in the nation.

Thursday, Jan. 16, 2014

MLK Jr. Commemorative Lecture Series

7:30 p.m.

Trinity University (Laurie Auditorium), One Trinity Place

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and Trinity University present the 2014 Commemorative Lecture Series featuring economist, author and commentator Dr. Julianne Malveaux. She is the president and CEO of Last Word Productions, Inc., a multimedia production company and is the former president of Bennett College for Women. Described by Dr. Cornel West as “the most iconoclastic public intellectual in the country,” Malveaux’s contributions to the public dialogue on issues such as domestic violence, race, culture, gender and their economic impacts are helping to shape public opinion in 21st century America. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Soi Smith at (210) 999-7547.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014

Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast (\$\$)

8:30 a.m.

Hilton San Antonio Airport Hotel, 611 NW Loop 410

The Delta Rho Lambda Chapter’s Alpha Educational Fund of SA, Inc. of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosts its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. The event features invited guest speakers. For more information or ticket prices, contact Phillip Ray, Breakfast Coordinator, at (210) 286-4211 or Nolan H. Anderson, Jr., President of Alpha Education Fund of SA, Inc., at (210) 889-2481.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014

Youth Empowerment Summit

9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

St. Philip’s College (Watson Fine Arts Building), 1801 Martin Luther King Drive

The Youth Empowerment Summit is designed to educate youth on social issues they may experience in today’s society. This year, the Youth Empowerment Summit has partnered with Rackspace for a robotics session. The Youth Empowerment Summit offers educational workshops for youth of all ages including poetry, music, leadership, self-esteem, public service and financial empowerment. The event is free and open to the public. Youth of all ages are encouraged to attend. The special musical guest will be international superstar Sean Paul, who will perform a medley of hits, including his latest single, “Want Dem All.” For more information, call Carla Walker at (210) 843-1913. Visit SurveyMonkey.com to register.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014

City Year Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is a “Day on...not a day off” for people committed to making a difference in the community. This year, City Year has partnered with AFL-CIO to host a day of service along the March route. Past projects have included Martin Luther King Park, Martin Luther King Academy, Eastside Boys and Girls Club, Greater Faith Institutional Church, Dorie Miller Elementary, Roosevelt High School, Carson Elementary, Bonham Academy and Milton B. Lee Academy. For more information on how to volunteer, please contact Tanariri Ochoa at (210) 789-9378 or via email at tochoa@cityyear.org.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014

Martin Luther King, Jr. Dinner (\$\$)

Reception at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m.

Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland (Gateway Club), 1650 Kenly Avenue

The San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club sponsors this annual dinner. This year, the guest speaker will feature the Honorable Frank D. Jackson, Mayor of Prairie View, Texas. For ticket prices and information, contact Van Johnson, event chairman, at (210) 364-8317 or visit sancsc.com.

Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014

Musical Extravaganza & Fundraiser (\$\$)

7 p.m.

New Creation Christian Fellowship, 8700 Fourwinds Drive

Hosted by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, this fundraiser supports the events that honor the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and features national gospel recording artists. Tickets will be sold at the door. For more information, visit nccfonline.org or call (210) 646-7997.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014

Wreath-laying Ceremony

2 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza, Intersection of E. Houston and N. New Braunfels

The Wreath Laying Ceremony brings together businesses and organizations to lay wreaths at the MLK statute to honor the life, struggles and accomplishments of Dr. King. This year's guest speaker is Jim Wyatt, president of the Texas Association of African American Chambers of Commerce. For more information, contact Harold Moore at (210) 449-3830.

Sunday, Jan. 19, 2014

Interfaith Worship Service

4 p.m.

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, 1001 N. Walters Street

The 27th annual Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. citywide Interfaith Worship Service will feature guest speaker Rev. Carl Rohlf. He is the District Superintendent of the San Antonio District of the United Methodist Church overseeing 61 churches and 90 appointed clergies. For more information, contact Dr. John Abdo at drjohnabdo@yahoo.com.

Monday, Jan. 20, 2014

Pre-March Worship Service

7 a.m. – 10 a.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, 3501 Martin Luther King Drive

Individuals are invited to attend the Pre-March Worship Service that takes place before the MLK March. This year's guest speaker is Rev. Kevin Nelson of Calvary Baptist Church. Keeping in the spirit of Dr. King, this worship service includes music, dance, words of encouragement, prayer, poems and overall praise for Dr. King's work. The event takes place on the grounds of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy and kicks off the start of the march at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Bishop Rosa L. Wilson at (210) 326-7738 or greaterfaithinstitutionalchurch@yahoo.com.

Monday, Jan. 20, 2014

Martin Luther King, Jr. March

10 a.m.

The March starts at 10 a.m. at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, 3501 Martin Luther King Drive, following the Pre-March Worship Service and ends at Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa St. The March route consists of approximately 2.5 miles along Martin Luther King Drive. Individuals as well as civic, social and religious organizations are encouraged to bring their banners and be a part of this unforgettable experience. For route information or VIA Park and Ride locations, visit sanantonio.gov/mlk.

Monday, Jan. 20, 2014

Early Morning Worship Program

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

Individuals who are unable to march are invited to attend the Martin Luther King Jr. Early Morning Worship Program at Pittman-Sullivan Park. A special screening of the 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington and the “I Have a Dream” speech will take place during the program. Guest speakers include Ms. Sharrell Kemp, Lady Lisa Duhart, Rev. Dan Walker, and Pastor Larry Thompson.

Monday, Jan. 20, 2014

Commemorative Program

Noon

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

This year’s Commemorative Program speaker will be Rev. Dr. Jamal Harrison Bryant, pastor of Empowerment Temple of Baltimore, MD along with words from Richard Trumka, AFL-CIO president. The featured musical artist is GMA Dove Award and Stellar Award nominated gospel recording artist Wess Morgan.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2014

Inaugural Dream Major Gala (\$\$)

5:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Drury Plaza Hotel North, 823 N. Loop 1604 East

Hosted by the Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. (administered by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.), this event features guest speaker Harry E. Johnson, Sr., president and CEO of Friends of the Memorial Foundation. For more information, visit dream-major.org.

City of San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship

Deadline: Friday, Feb. 21, 2014

Each year, as part of its celebration and focus on youth, the MLK Commission administers a Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship Program. These scholarships help to fund a portion of the college tuition of several deserving students, regardless of race or ethnicity. This scholarship award ceremony will be held in Spring 2014. For more information and to download a copy of the application for the 2014 MLK Jr. Scholarship, visit sanantonio.gov/mlk.